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CENTRAL MONITORING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Centralised Monitoring System for telephone and internet services;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and spent thereon so far; and

(d) the present status of the scheme, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a): & (b): Yes. Madam, Government has decided to set up the Centralized Monitoring System(CMS) for Lawful Interception & Monitoring of telephone and Internet services. The envisaged salient features of CMS are as follows:

(i) Direct Electronic Provisioning of target number by a Government agency without any manual intervention from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) on a secured network, thus enhancing the secrecy level and quick provision of target.

(ii) Central and regional database which will help Central and State level Law Enforcement Agencies in Interception and Monitoring.

(iii) Analysis of Call Data Records (CDR) to help in establishing linkage between anti-social/anti-national elements.

(iv) Research and Development (R&D) in related fields for continuous up gradation of the CMS.

(c): The total fund allocation is Rs.400.00 Crores. So far, the expenditure incurred on R&D is Rs.76.86 Crores and on roll out of project is Rs.4.25 Crores.

(d): The development work of the system is largely completed. Pilot project has been completed by 30.09.2011 at Delhi under which C-DOT has installed two ISF servers one each for Mahanagar Telephone Nigam (MTNL) & Tata Communications Limited (TCL) and the interception services have been integrated and tested successfully for these two Telecom Service Providers. Further, the System has been installed and integrated in Delhi License Service Area connecting six Telecom Service Providers and one Telecom Service Provider in Haryana License Service Area. The CMS has also been integrated with mobile number portability operators for Plan-India. Equipment has been ordered for installation of system in six more licensed service areas.